

April 29, 1973

Dear Mom & Dad,

We have planted some sweet and some hot peppers, but have to wait for the soil to dry a bit before putting in the tomatoes, lettuce, and zucchini.

Drainage is a problem since the rain comes down very hard here and flooded the garden last week. I worked on it today and dug some trenches. Spring has been here a couple of weeks and the trees and grass have sprouted rapidly.

Vickie has a teaching job for next year. It is English for sixth and seventh graders who have their own "middle school". It was quite a relief since she was feeling bad about not having a job.

It won't be easy, of course, and Vickie won't get much time off between Sept. and June. Still, it's what she wants to do.

I am quite busy at work, and must give a presentation in S.E. on May 11. After that we may take a few days off for a short vacation. I ~~am~~ still am planning on the transit in August and if everything works out we will be out a little early and may get to see you.

We just watched a short special on the impressionist paintings from Russia being exhibited in S.E. Vickie saw them while I was gone and we viewed many of them in

Russia - Jim P.S. Please pass this letter along to Mary } ^{hope to see you in Feb;} Mary & Mike in the fall.